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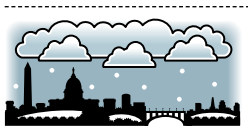

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BUSH INAUGURATION | HONORED GUARDS

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TEAM WORK: Members of the United States Air Force Drill team perform at the MCI Center on Tuesday as part of "Saluting Those Who Serve," a concert honoring members of the armed forces ahead of the 55th Presidential Inaugural. ✤ **Gratitude:** Bush launches inaugural with words of thanks | **Page 5**

Rice Defends Iraq Planning

Confirmation likely despite tough questioning by Democrats

WASHINGTON | Condoleezza Rice dealt with some less-than-diplomatic questioning Tuesday on her way to becoming the nation's top diplomat, taking on Senate critics of Bush administration Iraq policy one after another.

President Bush's nominee to succeed Colin Powell as secretary of state bristled just once, when Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., suggested loyalty to Bush and zeal to sell the war overwhelmed her respect for the truth.

"I have never lost my respect for the truth in the service of anything," the president's national security adviser retorted during the daylong hearing before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Rice

Yet the Democratic thrusts were largely symbolic as Rice appeared headed toward easy Senate confirmation to become the first black woman to hold the top foreign-policy post.

She gave no ground during the questioning, insisting the United States was fully prepared for the Iraq war and its aftermath and refusing to give a timetable for U.S. troops to come home. An American exit strategy depends on Iraq's ability to defend itself against terrorists after this month's elections, she said.

Rice said the administration's actions after the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks — including the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq — were "difficult and necessary and right." She pledged to work to improve ties that were frayed with some allies by U.S. policy.

If confirmed Rice, 50, would replace Powell as America's most visible face abroad. As national security adviser for the past four years, Rice was Bush's most trusted foreign affairs adviser and a main architect of policies in Iraq, Europe and elsewhere. ANN GEARAN (AP)

KARMA | **Shock and Chaw** Failing to look before he swallowed was a crucial mistake for an alleged truck thief in Vancouver, Wash., on Monday. Shortly after receiving a report of a stolen tractor-trailer, police got a 911 call from Cuitlahvac Renteria-Martinez, 26, who said he was choking and needed help. When police tracked him down, Renteria-Martinez told them he was driving away when he drank from a cup without looking, and realized he'd swallowed the regular driver's tobacco spit. (AP) **EyeOpeners** | Page 2

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ALTERCATIONS

Cold (Cut) Case File

A 21-year-old Waltham, Mass., woman was arrested early Thursday morning after she allegedly assaulted her ex-boyfriend and stripped paint off his friend's car with slabs of salami, police said, the Daily News Tribune reported. Katrina L. Ackermann went to the home of one of her ex's female friends and began hitting and kicking him, Sgt. Ken Dangelo said. Ackermann then hurled several pieces of salami onto the trunk of the woman's car, stripping the paint. Ackermann then took off, only to be arrested minutes later a few streets away. (EXPRESS)

PET TRAVEL

Now Pre-Boarding All Furry Frequent Fliers

Midwest Airlines is turning to dogs and cats in hopes of wooing more consumers. The airline announced a program Monday that gives pets a free round-trip ticket for every three domestic round-trip flights they take with their owners. Midwest, promoting the plan at pet shows, said it racks up about 3,000 one-way pet trips a year. "It was high time to throw a bone to our frequent customers and their best friends," Midwest CEO Tim Hoeksema said. (AP)

HAZARDS

Paw Thaw

In the back yard of Nebraska resident Ruth Bogenreif, a cat was drinking out of a heated bird bath when it was startled and jumped onto a fence. In freezing temperatures, her wet paws froze instantly to the metal, where Bogenreif found her, KNBC-TV reported Monday. Using warm water, Bogenreif and her grandchildren freed the cat and gave her to a shelter, where she is recovering from muscle paralysis. (EXPRESS)

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Photo Finished

An Ozark, Ark., sheriff's deputy was fired after his wife posed nude next to his patrol car, police said Thursday. A computer disk containing photos of Damon Gregory's wife posing near the vehicle surfaced at the Franklin County Sheriff's office in early December. Gregory was fired Dec. 14, and a supervisor who knew of the photographs was demoted. (AP)

DENIS BALIBOUSE/REUTERS

RELIGIOUS IMAGERY

Jesus on The Half Shell

Matteo Brandi, a bar manager in Roche, Switzerland, has an oyster shell he is convinced bears an image of Christ, Reuters reported. Brandi said he came across the shell while opening a batch of oysters on Christmas Eve in 2002. The 38-year-old has decided to put the shell up for sale after a Florida woman auctioned off a grilled cheese sandwich, allegedly bearing an image of the Virgin Mary, for $28,000 in November. (EXPRESS)

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Nation

In Brief

FREDERICK, OKLA.

Training Jet Collides With Small Plane, Killing Pilot

An Air Force training jet and a small plane collided Tuesday over southwestern Oklahoma, killing the plane's pilot, authorities said. Both military pilots parachuted to safety. The T-37 training jet from Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, Texas, struck the private plane over a rural area southeast of Frederick, Federal Aviation Administration spokesman John Clabes said. (AP)

UPLAND, CALIF.

Divers Find Body of Woman Swept Away in Raging Creek

A dive team found the body of a woman who fell into a rain-swollen creek in Southern California while trying to rescue her child, authorities said Tuesday. The search continued for the woman's 7-year-old son, who was also swept away in the creek. An 11-year-old boy drowned Sunday in the same creek. (AP)

ATLANTA

Black Customers File Suit Against Waffle House Chain

A group of blacks sued the Waffle House chain Tuesday, claiming they were discriminated against at restaurants in three Georgia cities. The Georgia lawsuit joins three others recently filed against the company and its franchisees, who are accused of maintaining a pattern of discrimination and violating federal civil rights laws. (AP)

Court Declines Gitmo Case

Justices avoid appeal disputing legality of detainee's military trial

WASHINGTON | The Supreme Court on Tuesday dodged a dispute over the government's plans to conduct military trials for Osama bin Laden's former driver and other foreign terror suspects, avoiding a clash over the president's powers.

Justices were asked to decide if the Bush administration is trying to shortcut the rights of non-Americans facing trials at the Guantanamo Bay Navy base in Cuba. They declined, without comment.

The court's intervention would have been unusual because an appeals court also is considering the issue and has scheduled arguments March 8. Lawyers for Salim Ahmed Hamdan — a Yemeni facing multiple charges — tried to speed things up by bypassing the lower court.

The Supreme Court dealt with several terrorism cases last year, and in a landmark decision held that the war on terror did not give the White House a "blank check" to detain people without legal rights. (AP)

ON THE DOCKET
Among other action at the Supreme Court Tuesday:

→ **The justices declined** to consider whether a police officer may take a blood test from a suspected drunken driver without a warrant. The high court let stand a Wisconsin Supreme Court ruling that said a forced blood test would not violate the driver's Fourth Amendment protection from unreasonable searches, even if the driver already had submitted to a breath test to evaluate alcohol levels. (AP)

MONTANA | LUNCH RUSH

JENNIFER DEMONTE/THE DAILY INTER LAKE/AP

HIGH CARB: Becca Burtosky crumbles bread for an attentive crowd of birds on Tuesday at Woodland Park in Kalispell, Mont. Schools were closed in much of the region because of hazardous driving conditions due to freezing rain.

U.S. Man Charged in Oil Scandal

Businessman enters guilty plea in probe of Iraqi oil-for-food scam

WASHINGTON | An Iraqi-American businessman, accused of pocketing millions of dollars through the U.N. oil-for-food program with Iraq, pleaded guilty Tuesday to acting as an illegal agent of Saddam Hussein's government.

Samir A. Vincent, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Annandale, Va., is the first person to be charged in the Justice Department's probe of the program, which U.N. audits have shown was badly mismanaged.

The program produced an estimated $67 billion for humanitarian needs in Iraq but was used by Saddam to generate kickbacks that totaled another $1.7 billion, according to a CIA report by special weapons inspector Charles Duelfer.

Vincent was among dozens of people and companies in the United States and elsewhere to receive vouchers from Saddam's government for allocations of Iraqi oil as well as the right to keep profits they made selling or trading the oil.

Attorney General John Ashcroft said Vincent was one of Saddam's "accomplices" in an effort by Iraq to turn the program into a vehicle for Iraq to sell influence and fatten its treasury. CURT ANDERSON (AP)

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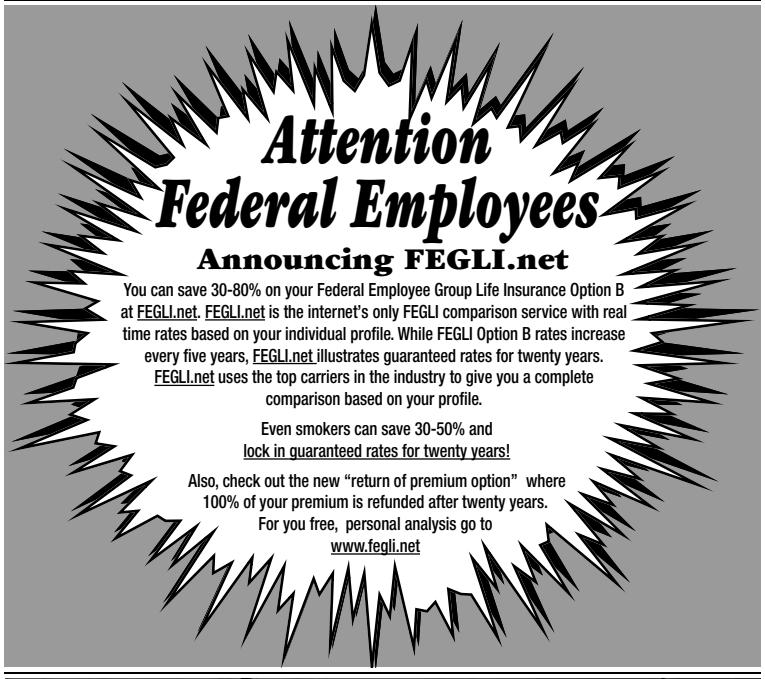

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POWER PILES: The 1,500 cows at Blue Spruce Farm, in Bridport, Vt., are producing more than just milk — methane gas from their manure is being used to produce electricity for the state's largest utility.

Gonzales Answers Queries

WASHINGTON | Attorney General nominee Alberto Gonzales told the Senate on Tuesday that he supports extending the expired federal assault weapons ban.

Gonzales also said he wants Congress to reauthorize the Patriot Act this year, despite complaints that it is too intrusive.

"I believe the USA Patriot Act has greatly improved our nation's ability to detect and prevent terrorist attacks," Gonzales told the Senate Judiciary Committee in written answers to questions left over from his confirmation hearing.

Gonzales, who served as President Bush's lawyer during his first term, is expected to be confirmed when the Senate returns after Bush's inauguration on Jan. 20. He would be the nation's first Hispanic attorney general and replace John Ashcroft.

JESSE J. HOLLAND (AP)

Detention policies: Gonzales expands on his views on torture and interrogation | **Today's Post, A Section**

ELECTIONS | VOTING FROM AFAR

CHRIS CARLSON/AP

SIGNING UP: Iraqi immigrant Ibtisam Alasady, right, gets help registering to vote in the upcoming Iraqi elections in Irvine, Calif., on Tuesday as registration continues for Iraqis living abroad who want to participate in the vote.

CDC Corrects Data in Obesity Report

ATLANTA | Blaming a computer software error, the government says it overstated the nation's weight problem in a widely reported study last year that said obesity was about to overtake smoking as the No. 1 cause of death in the United States.

The study, conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and published last March in the Journal of the American Medical Association, said that obesity-related deaths climbed between 1990 and 2000 to 400,000 a year — an increase of 100,000.

The government ran a correction Wednesday, saying the increase was a more modest 65,000 deaths or so.

In a statement Tuesday, CDC Director Dr. Julie Gerberding said the agency regretted that the error was not discovered earlier.

Despite the fix, the agency said the finding that obesity is a major cause of death still stands. (AP)

CBS News May Switch To Multi-Anchor Format

LOS ANGELES | CBS will probably replace Dan Rather on the evening news with a multi-anchor, perhaps multi-city format that changes the "antiquated" way of reporting the day's top stories, CBS chief Leslie Moonves said Tuesday.

Moonves

Moonves, who will select Rather's replacement, said he believes many young viewers are turned off by a single "voice of God" anchor in the Internet age.

He spoke publicly about his search for the first time since Rather announced in late November that he was stepping down from the "CBS Evening News." Moonves stressed that he's still considering all possibilities.

He wouldn't mention any potential participants, or comment on a Time magazine report this week that NBC's Katie Couric had been contacted to gauge her interest.

Moonves conceded the turmoil at CBS News — where three executives and a producer were fired for their role in an ill-fated story about President Bush's military service — has encouraged him to do something more dramatic. (AP)

Study Finds CPR Methods Lacking

CHICAGO | CPR is often performed inadequately by doctors, paramedics and nurses, according to two studies of resuscitation efforts during cardiac arrest.

Whether a stricken patient is in the hospital or on the way, the guidelines for administering cardiopulmonary resuscitation frequently are not followed.

Among the problems commonly cited: Rescuers did not push hard enough or frequently enough on the victim's chest to restart the heart, and breathed air into the lungs too often.

The studies are in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association. (AP)

Inauguration '05

Salute Kicks Off Week's Festivities

Bush pays tribute to U.S. troops, families at star-studded concert

WASHINGTON | President Bush launched his inaugural celebrations on Tuesday by thanking two groups that played major roles in his election to a second term — the military that prosecuted the war in Iraq and his most ardent and generous political supporters.

On the first of four days of festivities that some have criticized as too extravagant amid war, deficits and natural disaster, the president and first lady Laura Bush crisscrossed Washington into the evening to hobnob with soldiers, young Republicans and GOP bigwigs.

Bush takes the oath of office Thursday to begin his next four years in the White House.

Bush gave four speeches throughout the day, but the centerpiece was a salute to the military. The more than two-hour extravaganza was held at the MCI Center, its seats only about half-full with thousands of uniformed military and their families. The event was also piped to troops stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"As we prepare to celebrate our nation's 55th presidential inauguration, I can think of no better way to begin than by giving thanks for our freedom and those who make it possible," Bush said as he paid tribute to military personnel and families who have lost someone in war.

The salute was meant to set the stage for the week's theme of celebrating freedom and honoring service. But Bush aides also hoped the high-profile placement of the event at the head of the schedule would dispel talk that the festivities — which could cost more than $50 million, with millions more for security — should be toned down. JENNIFER LOVEN (AP)

CHARLES DHARAPAK/AP

FOR THE TROOPS: The president waves after a speech Tuesday at the MCI Center.

Outsiders' Views: Two Californians come for the inauguration with opposing agendas | **Today's Post, A**

Electric Youth: The GOP's inaugural youth concert rocks America's future | **Today's Post, Style**

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SWEARING-IN CEREMONY AT U.S. CAPITOL | SCHEDULE

10 a.m. | **Music** by U.S. Naval Academy Glee Club; U.S. Marine Band; Alcorn State University Concert Choir.

11 a.m. | **U.S. Marine Band**; music by Wintley Phipps, gospel vocalist and founder of the U.S. Dream Academy, an online Christian academic resource; music by Guy Hovis, vocalist from Tupelo, Miss.

11:30 a.m. | **Music** by the U.S. Marine Band | **Call to order** and welcoming remarks by Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss., chairman of the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies | **Invocation** by the Rev. Dr. Luis Leon, rector at St. John's Episcopal Church, Washington, D.C. | **Music** by mezzo soprano Susan Graham | **Oath of office** administered by Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., to Vice President Dick Cheney | **Music** by mezzo soprano Denyce Graves | **Oath of office** administered by William H. Rehnquist, chief justice of the United States, to President Bush | **Inaugural address** | **Music** by U.S. Marine Band, U.S. Army Herald Trumpets, U.S. Navy Sea Chanters | **Benediction** by the Rev. Kirbyjon Caldwell, senior pastor at Windsor Village United Methodist Church in Houston | **National anthem** sung by Air Force Technical Sgt. Bradley Bennett | **Music** by U.S. Air Force Band

2 p.m. | **Inaugural parade**, Pennsylvania Avenue.

7 p.m. | **Constitution Ball**, Washington Hilton | **Freedom Ball**, Union Station | **Independence Ball**, Texas Wyoming Ball, Liberty Ball, Democracy Ball, Patriot Ball, Stars and Stripes Ball at the Convention Center | **Commander in chief ball**, National Building Museum (AP)

WHO KNEW? PRESIDENTIAL QUIZ

1. **WHAT** is Bush's nickname?
2. **WHAT** does the W. stand for?
3. **WHAT** kind of vehicle does Bush drive on his ranch in Crawford, Texas?
4. **WHICH** artists would you hear on Bush's iPod?
5. **WHAT** trait does Bush hate?
6. **WHAT** has Bush banned from the Oval Office?
7. **WHAT** three states has Bush never visited during his time as president?
8. **WHAT** state has Bush visited the most?
9. **HOW MANY** countries has Bush visited?
10. **WHAT** was his first car?
11. **WHAT** was his first job?
12. **WHAT** is his favorite junk food?
13. **WHAT** does the president consider one of his hidden talents?
14. **IF** Bush decides to indulge in dessert, what would he have?

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D.C. Pushes Feds to Pay for Inaugural

WASHINGTON | D.C. Mayor Anthony Williams criticized the federal government Tuesday for refusing to reimburse the District for inauguration costs, but said he would continue his fight to recoup federal homeland security grant money that's being spent on this week's events.

Williams said he would like to see that happen when Congress takes up the city's annual budget. "I hope that as the budget is debated, and as it moves through Congress, that we'll be able to be made whole," he said.

The District's costs for the inauguration are expected to top $17 million. The federal Department of Homeland Security told Williams to use $11.9 million in grants to cover security and other costs. The rest will come out of the Emergency Planning and Security Cost Fund, which has been used in the past for events like President Reagan's funeral.

Williams

In remarks to the U.S. Conference of Mayors, Williams said the city has been "forced into an unfunded mandate," and that such a move sets a bad precedent.

The homeland security money — which Williams described as "preventative, preparation dollars" — was not meant to pay for a scheduled event like the inauguration, he said.

"Now is not the time, nor is it acceptable ... to take the money and use it for a specific, special, quadrennial event," he said. STEPHANIE NAZZARO (AP)

TAKING METRO TO INAUGURATION EVENTS

HOURS: Trains will run from 5 a.m. Thursday to 3 a.m. Friday.

CLOSURES: **Archives-Navy Memorial** and **Smithsonian** stations will be closed Thursday from 5 a.m. until after the parade ends at 5 p.m. **Mount Vernon Square/ Seventh Street Convention Center Station** will close at 3 p.m. Thursday and reopen at 1 a.m. Friday. The **Judiciary Square** station entrance at F Street NW will close at 5:30 p.m. Thursday and reopen at 1 a.m. Friday. The Fourth Street entrance will remain open.

FARES/PASSES: Riders will pay off-peak fares all day Thursday. Officials will sell a commemorative inaugural one-day Metrorail pass for $6.50 at all stations. Customers are encouraged to purchase round-trip Farecards or a SmarTrip card. Metro workers will sell round-trip cards by hand at high-traffic stations.

PARKING: Parking will be free at Metro-operated parking facilities.

BUSES: Metrobuses will operate on a Saturday schedule, but many buses traveling through downtown will be rerouted because of street closures. Metro officials suggest taking Metrorail to the parade and other events downtown. Special bus-to-rail transfers will be available on Metrobuses traveling downtown, allowing passengers to complete their trip on Metrorail for free by showing the transfer to the station manager upon entering and exiting the Metro station. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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CONTINUED ASSAULT: An Iraqi insurgent throws a rock at a vehicle used by non-coalition security personnel on Tuesday. The vehicle was travelling in a convoy when it was hit by a roadside bomb. There were no immediate reports of injuries.

Attacks on Shiites Continue

Cabinet official says Iraq may slide into civil war

BAGHDAD | A suicide bomber struck the Baghdad headquarters of Iraq's biggest Shiite political party Tuesday, killing three people, as the government announced plans to close borders and restrict movements to bolster security in the national election. Three candidates were slain as insurgents intensified their bid to subvert the ballot.

The suicide driver detonated his vehicle after security guards stopped it at a checkpoint in front of offices of the Supreme Council for the Islamic Republic in Iraq, one of the major groups contesting the election. The Shiite party, known as SCIRI, has close ties to Iran and is strongly opposed by Sunni Muslim militants.

Iraqi police said the bomber and two others died and nine people were wounded.

Sunni Muslim militants, who make up the bulk of Iraq's insurgents, have stepped up attacks on Shiites to frighten them into staying home on election day.

The Cabinet member responsible for internal security urged fellow Sunni Arabs to disregard threats by Sunni extremists and vote in the Jan. 30 election, in which Iraqis will choose a 275-member National Assembly and regional legislatures. Otherwise, the minister warned, the country will slide into civil war. SAMEER N. YACOUB (AP)

British Soldier Pleads Guilty to Abusing Iraqi

OSNABRUECK, GERMANY | A British soldier pleaded guilty to one count of beating an Iraqi captive, while he and two others pleaded not guilty to all other charges as their court-martial opened on allegations they mistreated Iraqis.

Photos of alleged mistreatment published in a British newspaper in 2003 led to investigations against the three men, and it is the first case of alleged abuse of Iraqis by British soldiers to go to trial.

The photos showed a bound Iraqi being dangled over a loading dock by a forklift, another being subjected to a simulated kick, and both Iraqis stripped and simulating sexual acts together.

BRITISH COURT MARTIAL/AP

This photo released by the court martial Tuesday allegedly shows a British soldier simulating a punch to a detainee.

"It cannot be said that those images depict something that is anything other than shocking," prosecutor Lt. Col. Nick Clapham told the court Tuesday. Prosecutors alleged the events happened on a single day in May 2003 near Basra. (AP)

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

➜ **A Catholic archbishop** kidnapped in the northern Iraqi city of Mosul was released Tuesday without payment of ransom, the Vatican said. Archbishop Basile Georges Casmoussa, an Iraqi, said he believes he was kidnapped by mistake.

➜ **An American soldier** was reported killed Tuesday in a roadside bombing in Baghdad.

➜ **More foreigners** were reported kidnapped in Iraq, including Lebanese businessman Jebrail Adeeb Azar and eight Chinese construction workers shown in a video that surfaced Tuesday. (AP)

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World

BONE BREAK: Spanish researchers said Monday they plan to examine bones next month in the Dominican Republic purported to be the remains of Christopher Columbus. They hope to resolve whether those or a rival set of bones in Spain belonged to the explorer.

China Goes On Offense Over Zhao

Ex-leader's ouster in '89 called 'right'; media censors news of death

BEIJING | China on Tuesday defended its 1989 decision to depose former Communist Party leader Zhao Ziyang for sympathizing with the Tiananmen Square pro-democracy protesters, indicating there were no plans to honor him in death.

The statements by Foreign Ministry spokesman Kong Quan were the first official comments on Zhao since his death Monday at 85.

Zhao spent his last 15 years under house arrest after being dismissed as the country's top leader following the military's June 4, 1989, attack on the demonstrators, which killed possibly thousands.

Asked for the government's opinion of Zhao, Kong cited rulings that the protests were a counterrevolutionary riot and that Zhao, who sympathized with the demonstrators, tried to "split the party."

"Over the past 15 years since the incident, China's development has proved that this final judgment is right," Kong said.

On Tuesday, state media marked Zhao's passing with only brief mentions. (AP)

BY THE NUMBERS: The number of homicides in Sao Paulo state, Brazil's wealthiest, nearly tripled from 3,562 to 10,593 between 1991 and 2000, a study released Tuesday showed. (AP)

Militants Defy Palestinian PM

His appeal for truce is met by attack on Israelis

GAZA CITY, GAZA STRIP | In the biggest test of his brief tenure, Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas came to the Gaza Strip on Tuesday, hoping to persuade militants to halt attacks on Israel. But in a show of defiance, a Palestinian suicide bomber blew himself up on a settler road in Gaza, killing an Israeli security agent and wounding seven other Israelis.

The Islamic militant group Hamas claimed responsibility for the attack — the first suicide bombing against an Israeli target since Nov. 1.

Before the bombing, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon warned his patience was running thin, telling military commanders the army must deal with rocket and mortar attacks against Israelis "at the earliest possible stage."

Israel has come under international pressure to hold off on any large-scale raid into Gaza to give Abbas, who took office Saturday, a chance to cobble together a cease-fire. Abbas traveled to Gaza on Tuesday evening and planned to remain for several days to try to work out a deal with the militants. (AP)

'RIGHT OF RETURN' RETHINK

NEARLY HALF OF Palestinians would accept limits on the number of refugees who could return to Israel under a final peace pact, an Israeli-Palestinian poll published Tuesday found.

The Palestinians have long demanded that the hundreds of thousands who fled during the 1948 creation of Israel be permitted to return. Israel says it would destroy its Jewish character.

Tuesday's poll found that 46 percent of Palestinians would accept a compromise, up from 25 percent in December 2003. (AP)

SCOTLAND | WEATHERPROOF

ANDREW MILLIGAN/AP

CATTLE CALL: A farmer in central Scotland tends to her Highland cow Tuesday after severe weather and snow storms.

In Brief

MICHAEL KOOREN/REUTERS

Ayaan Hirsi Ali, center, returns to parliament in The Hague on Tuesday.

NETHERLANDS

Politician Threatened With Death Emerges From Hiding

Dutch politician Ayaan Hirsi Ali returned to parliament Tuesday, emerging from 10 weeks in hiding following death threats from Islamic fundamentalists. Hirsi Ali went into hiding after the killing of filmmaker Theo van Gogh, who had collaborated with her on a film that criticized the treatment of women under Islam. Van Gogh was stabbed and shot to death in Amsterdam in what was seen as the country's first terrorist attack by Islamists. (AP)

UKRAINE

Court Decision Paves Way For Yushchenko Swearing-In

The Supreme Court on Tuesday eased the way for reformer Viktor Yushchenko to be inaugurated as president, ruling that election results can be published before it finishes hearing the losing candidate's appeal. The results' publication would allow parliament to set an inauguration date, which some said could be as soon as Friday. (AP)

INDONESIA

U.N. Lifts Travel Ban on Aid Crews in Tsunami-Hit Aceh

The United Nations on Tuesday lifted a travel ban on aid workers in Indonesia's tsunami-battered Aceh province, the scene of a decades-long conflict between rebels and government forces that has raised concerns about the safety of relief efforts. The United Nations imposed a 24-hour travel ban on its staff in parts of Aceh on Monday following reports that fighting had broken out between insurgents and the army. (AP)

India: Pakistani Troops Violated Truce

NEW DELHI | India accused Pakistani soldiers Tuesday of firing mortar shells across the dividing line in Kashmir in the first violation of a 14-month cease-fire between the South Asian nuclear-armed rivals.

The cease-fire was the longest since an insurgent campaign in the divided Himalayan province began in 1989. Both countries claim the mainly Muslim state in its entirety and have fought two wars over it.

A senior army official said there were no casualties on the Indian side, and Indian troops had not retaliated. A Pakistan army spokesman, speaking in Islamabad, said he was not aware of the incident.

The reports of firing came hours after another setback to the ties between the South Asian rivals, which are now pursuing peace. Islamabad accused New Delhi of deliberately scuttling talks on a disputed dam that India is building on its side of Kashmir. Pakistani Foreign Ministry spokesman Masood Khan said the dispute will cast a "bad light" on peace talks.

For decades, India and Pakistan regularly fired at each other across the cease-fire line, killing soldiers and civilians and damaging homes and farms. However, they agreed to a cease-fire in November 2003. (AP)

HEARSAY | BAD SIGNS

"They can list these speeds in watts or grams or ... megabytes. I still won't get a ticket."

—PAT CULLINANE, DUBLIN TAXI DRIVER ON IRELAND'S DECISION TO SWITCH FROM MILES TO KILOMETERS ON SPEED-LIMIT SIGNS. IRELAND'S ROADS ARE NOTORIOUS FOR LAX POLICING: A TRAFFIC-ENFORCEMENT DIVISION WAS SET UP JUST 2 MONTHS AGO.

SERVING TIME: Martha Stewart's co-defendant and former stockbroker, Peter Bacanovic, went Tuesday to a federal prison near Las Vegas to begin serving five months for lying to investigators. His appeal is pending, his lawyer said.

Money

CHRISTOPHE ENA/AP

Airbus employees celebrate next to the new Airbus A380 after its unveiling near Toulouse, France, on Tuesday. The A380 is the world's largest passenger plane.

Airbus Rolls Out Massive New Jet

European plane-maker raises stakes in long rivalry with Boeing

TOULOUSE, FRANCE | Airbus put its stamp on aviation history Tuesday, unveiling the world's largest commercial jet and raising the stakes in its 35-year rivalry with Boeing Co.

The A380 "superjumbo," revealed at a lavish ceremony, gives the European plane-maker a new flagship at a time when Boeing is losing market share and closing down some production.

French President Jacques Chirac and other European leaders struck a triumphal note, hailing the A380 as a sign of Europe's capacity to generate world-beating industries.

But the A380 remains a $13 billion bet on a particular vision of global aviation, in which carriers need ever-bigger planes to process growing numbers of passengers through the busiest airports that are hubs between connecting flights.

If Airbus is right, the A380 could consign the 747 to history, deal a further blow to Boeing and leave Airbus with a monopoly in a lucrative and fast-growing market. Boeing would need 10 years or more to develop a rival to the A380, industry experts say.

If Airbus is wrong, however, then its lead over Boeing could prove short-lived. Boeing sees a different future, one in which industry deregulation and smaller, long-range planes like its planned 7E7 allow passengers increasingly to fly direct, spurning stopovers.

In a three-class cabin layout, the A380 will carry 555 passengers — 33 percent more than the 747. On a full tank, it will carry passengers 5 percent farther than Boeing's longest-range jumbo, Airbus claims, producing costs per passenger that are up to one-fifth below its rival's. (AP)

Struggling Krispy Kreme Dumps CEO

CHARLOTTE, N.C. | CEO Scott Livengood was ousted Tuesday as head of Krispy Kreme Doughnuts, the once-trendy chain whose stock price has plummeted amid a federal securities investigation and allegations of padded sales figures. Krispy Kreme shares jumped 12 percent.

The Winston-Salem company's board of directors announced the retirement of Livengood, who has been criticized for his handling of the company's recent financial problems, as one of "a number of important actions to address the company's current situation."

Livengood, 52, who has been at the helm for seven years and led the company's rapid rise, was replaced as CEO by Stephen Cooper, a turnaround specialist who most recently shepherded the Enron bankruptcy reorganization.

Livengood

The company also warned that declines in sales may lead to a fourth quarter loss. (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
PnnEMA	17.90	+3.02	+20.3
MayDS	32.21	+4.37	+15.7
Adminstf	13.60	+1.61	+13.4
AllegTch	21.05	+2.13	+11.3
Primedia	4.16	+.41	+10.9

Losers

HarvNRes	12.43	-4.49	-26.5
FleetEn	9.90	-2.56	-20.5
ParkHan	66.09	-7.34	-10.0
Salton	4.04	-.31	-7.1
OffshLog	29.99	-2.27	-7.0

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Sonesta	18.50	+10.50	+131.3
Aastrom	3.35	+.65	+24.1
SportsRst	2.89	+.54	+22.8
EmisTch	5.12	+.86	+20.2
RioVisEn n	11.90	+2.00	+20.2

Losers

S R Telecm	2.16	-.65	-23.1
CanSoPt	5.79	-1.53	-20.9
Nitches	4.50	-.93	-17.1
Sirenza	4.65	-.92	-16.5
Sholodge	4.00	-.76	-16.0

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
+70.79	+18.13	+11.46
+0.67	+0.87	+0.97
10628.79	2106.04	1195.98

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	5.25	5.25
Fed Funds close	2.3125	2.25
3-month	2.30	2.31
2-year	2.23	3.21
10-year	4.19	4.24
30-year	4.68	4.88

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5357	.5346	.5567
Canadian Dollar	1.2223	1.2162	1.2987
European Euro	.7675	.7630	.8080
Japanese Yen	102.29	101.91	106.84
Mexican Peso	11.2450	11.2120	10.8260
Taiwanese Dollar	31.89	31.89	33.68

Media Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
ClearChan	31.90	-.10	-4.7
Comcast	33.56	-.01	+.8
Comc sp	33.04	-.06	+.6
DirecTV	16.35	-.05	-2.3
Disney	28.74	+.44	+3.4
Fox Ent	33.35	-.05	+6.7
Gannett	82.41	+1.41	+.9
GTelevsa	60.41	+1.56	-.1
LibtyMA	10.38	-.02	-5.5
McGrH	92.15	+1.31	+.7
NewsCpA n	16.91	+.05	-9.4
NewsCpB n	17.55	...	-8.6
Thomson	33.50	-.28	-5.1
TimeWarn	18.61	-.18	-4.3
ViacomB	38.85	+.86	+6.8

WorldCom Judge OKs 'Infidelity' Query

NEW YORK | Lawyers for former WorldCom chief Bernard Ebbers will be allowed to question the star prosecution witness about marital infidelity, a judge ruled Tuesday.

The decision was a boost for the defense, which will try to raise questions about the credibility of the witness, former chief financial officer Scott Sullivan. U.S. District Judge Barbara Jones said the line of questioning was permissible because it spoke to "Mr. Sullivan's character for truthfulness."

The ruling came one day before questionnaires were to be handed out to potential jurors in the trial of Ebbers, who is accused of orchestrating an $11 billion accounting fraud at WorldCom. (AP)

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Local

MEDICAL AID: A surgeon in Los Angeles has agreed to perform a biopsy, for free, of a tumor named "Frank" in 9-year-old David Dingman-Grover's skull. The Sterling, Va., boy's mother had launched an online auction to help pay for the test.

Peaceful End to Downtown Standoff

Driver threatened to blow up cargo van near the White House

WASHINGTON | A police standoff that snarled traffic for blocks and led police to evacuate several blocks of downtown as a precaution ended peacefully Tuesday evening, more than four hours after a man threatened to blow up a van a short distance from the White House.

Authorities said the man, whose identity was not immediately released, was upset about a family matter and that the episode did not appear to be related to terrorism or Thursday's presidential inauguration.

But the swift response by hundreds of police officers, rooftop snipers and armored vehicles underscored the tight security in Washington, especially for this week's inaugural events.

The incident began just before 4 p.m. at 15th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue NW. Police said the man, who was driving a cargo van, claimed to have 15 gallons of gasoline inside along with a triggering device. The Secret Service and District police surrounded the van, approaching it with guns drawn.

Hundreds of officers were at the scene, positioned along 15th and nearby streets.

Authorities said the man claimed that his son was in federal custody.

About 8 p.m., the man surrendered. By then, police had already swept through office buildings on 15th Street NW, evacuating them. At least three command vehicles were on the scene.

An armored vehicle rode up and down 15th Street, and hazmat vehicles, ambulances and other emergency equipment took over the streets.

The White House was not evacuated, but numerous buildings in the surrounding area were cleared and police blocked traffic, creating gridlock throughout the rush hour.

DEL QUENTIN WILBER, SARI HORWITZ AND ALLAN LENGE (THE WASHINGTON POST)

JEFF MONNER/WASHINGTONPOST.COM

Security forces surround a suspicious red van near the White House on Tuesday, the first day of inaugural events. The driver had threatened to blow up the vehicle.

Crisis averted: For further details on the standoff near the White House on Tuesday | **Today's Post**

D.C. Gets 8 Ballpark Proposals

WASHINGTON | Eight proposals for privately financing a new baseball stadium were received by Tuesday's deadline, the District of Columbia's chief financial officer, Natwar M. Gandhi , said.

Each proposal was accompanied by a $10,000 filing fee.

Gandhi said he will consult with outside financial advisers to look at the feasibility of each plan, as well as the costs to the district. Gandhi promised to have that analysis by March 15.

Last month, the D.C. Council passed a measure requiring the city to try to find private financing for a new stadium to house the Washington Nationals. But the measure also allows the district to go back to publicly financed bonds, if the private money falls through. (AP)

Hotel Workers Approve New Contract

WASHINGTON | Workers at 14 Washington hotels have voted overwhelmingly to approve a new contract, ending the threat of a strike during the presidential inauguration.

Turnout was described as heavy, with 97 percent of the ballots cast in favor of the three year deal, said to include a $1.30 raise over the length of the contract, improved health care and retirement benefits and new standards for how employees are treated in the workplace.

An agreement with the Hotel Association of Washington, D.C., was reached Friday. (AP)

Firefighter Saves Woman in NW Fire

WASHINGTON | A Baltimore County firefighter was hailed as a hero for saving a woman inside her burning Northwest Washington home on Tuesday. The woman's husband died in the fire.

Off-duty Lt. Stephen Weatherby happened to be driving by when he saw the flames coming out of the rowhouse on the 900 block of T Street, according to Alan Etter, a spokesman for the District of Columbia Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department.

Weatherby made his way inside and found a 79-year-old woman in the kitchen, who had been burned. The woman was reluctant to leave, because her invalid, terminally ill husband was still inside. But Weatherby finally led her to safety. She was treated and released from a hospital.

Etter said investigators determined the victim had been smoking in bed and apparently set his clothes on fire. (AP)

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Evening DC 4	4-0-9-1
Quick Cash	22-1-33-11-5-32
Hot Five	17-18-5-28-7

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Mid-day Pick 3	1-4-7
Evening Pick 3	9-9-0
Mid-day Pick 4	7-4-0-5
Evening Pick 4	7-0-3-5
Match 5	27-29-32-37-39 Bonus: 8

VIRGINIA

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Evening Pick 3 (Mon.)	1-4-0
Mid-day Pick 4 (Tues.)	2-1-8-2
Evening Pick 4 (Mon.)	2-3-8-2
Mid-day Cash 5 (Tues.)	4-5-9-25-32
Evening Cash 5 (Mon.)	10-12-26-33-34

All winning numbers are official only when validated at a lottery ticket location or a lottery claims office. Drawings that occur after Express's deadline will be published two days later.

O'S SO CLOSE: Maybe the Orioles will land a major free agent after all. Baltimore is one of the four finalists for free-agent slugger Carlos Delgado, according to the Palm Beach Post. Also vying for the first baseman are the Mets, Marlins and Rangers.

Sports

Ravens Fill Coaching Openings

RAVENS | The Baltimore Ravens completed a shake-up of their coaching staff Tuesday, hiring Jim Fassel as offensive coordinator, Rick Neuheisel as quarterback coach and promoting Rex Ryan to defensive coordinator.

Fassel, who coached the New York Giants from 1997-03, accepted the position not getting another head coaching job this winter. Fassel will seek to improve an offense that ranked 31st under Matt Cavanaugh, who resigned on Jan. 3.

Fassel

Ryan was delighted to replace Mike Nolan — the San Francisco 49ers' new head coach. "I've always wanted to run my own show," said the son of former Eagles head coach Buddy Ryan.

Neuheisel was out of coaching since being fired by the University of Washington in June 2003 for participating in a high-stakes basketball pool. After impressing the Ravens while interviewing for the job as offensive coordinator, he was hired to refine the skills of quarterback Kyle Boller. (AP)

Trotter Makes Triumphant Return

Back in Philadelphia, former Redskins LB regains All-Star form

FOOTBALL | Jeremiah Trotter was unemployed and seemingly out of options. So he picked up a phone, called his former coach and apologized for the behavior that led to his departure from Philadelphia three years ago.

Seven months later, the hard-hitting middle linebacker is going back to the Pro Bowl, and the Eagles again are one victory away from playing in the Super Bowl.

"I believe this is our year," said Trotter, who came back to the Eagles last summer after two lackluster seasons in Washington.

The Eagles, who lost the last three NFC championship games, host Atlanta on Sunday.

Trotter's return to Philly was a stunner, considering he left on bitter terms after a contract dispute. One simple conversation with Eagles coach Andy Reid last summer soothed any hurt feelings.

But by the time Trotter signed a one-year contract for the veterans' minimum of about $660,000, the past was forgotten.

Midway through the season, defensive coordinator Jim Johnson inserted Trotter into the starting lineup and moved Mark Simoneau over to the weakside spot.

The Eagles were 24th on defense and 27th against the run when Trotter reclaimed his job before the ninth game. In the next six games, the defense allowed averages of just 70.2 yards rushing, 227.2 total yards and 10.7 points per game. The Eagles gave up the fewest points in the NFC (260).

Trotter made such an impact on the defense that he earned a trip to the Pro Bowl after making only seven starts.

"The thing about Trotter is he brings a physical presence to the game," Johnson said. ROB MAADDI (AP)

BILL KOSTROUN/AP

SCENE STEALER: In two years in Washington, Trotter hardly looked like a Pro-Bowl linebacker. Now, he's a key to the Eagles' defense in the NFC championship.

Rocket Shoots for Moon in Arbitration

BASEBALL | Roger Clemens filed for a record $22 million in salary arbitration on Tuesday, and the Houston Astros offered the seven-time Cy Young Award winner $13.5 million.

The Rocket, who helped lead the Astros within one win of their first World Series appearance, still has not decided whether to pitch this year or retire.

Until now, the highest figure ever submitted for arbitration was $18.5 million in 2001 by Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter, who then agreed to a $189 million, 10-year deal.

The highest salary ever earned by a pitcher in a single season was $17.5 million, last year by Boston's Pedro Martinez.

"We looked at what some of the comparables were and we tried to use those star-quality players to come up with a number," Astros general manager Tim Purpura said. JOEL ANDERSON (AP)

ANDREFORGET/AP

Okha avoided arbitration on Tuesday.

Nats Ink Ohka to 1-Year Contract

NATIONALS | Right-hander Tomo Ohka agreed to a $2.75 million, one-year contract with the Washington Nationals on Tuesday, a raise of $412,500.

Ohka's right arm was broken by a line drive hit by Carlos Beltran in a game against the Kansas City Royals last June 10 last. Ohka had surgery two days later and returned in September, going 0-2 with a 5.54 ERA in three starts.

For the year, Ohka was 3-7 with a 3.40 ERA in 15 starts.

Ohka was the last Nationals player in arbitration to settle. (AP)

Cowher Tries to Fill Super-Bowl Void

Steelers' coach out to prove he can win big game against Patriots

FOOTBALL | For someone saddled with the reputation of not winning the big one, Bill Cowher certainly coaches in a lot of big games.

That's why there's extra incentive in Sunday's AFC championship game for one of the most successful coaches to never win a Super Bowl: The man widely considered pro football's best coach is on the opposing sideline.

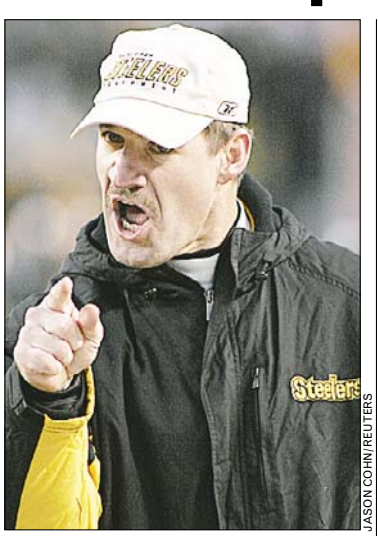
Cowher, the Steelers' coach since 1992, has won more regular season games and division titles than the Patriots' Bill Belichick — and just as many playoff games. When the two went head-to-head in the same division for four seasons from 1992-95, Cowher won three division titles to Belichick's none.

Amid the one-sided comparisons is the singular statistic that explains why Belichick is the resident wizard among NFL coaches, and Cowher is considered to be merely among the elite. Super Bowls won: Belichick 2, Cowher 0.

And it's not just winning football's biggest game that's been the problem, it's getting there. This is the fifth time since 1995 the Steelers have staged the AFC title game, yet they have won only once and were upset three times as a favorite.

"I want to win a championship," Cowher said. "It has been a void that has been there."

Cowher, talking Tuesday, didn't try to rationalize the Steelers' AFC title game upset losses to San Diego (January 1995), Denver (1998) or New England (2002). "I think we have been prepared to play every game," he said. "When you go into the playoffs, you are playing quality teams and you can't turn the ball over and squander scoring opportunities. Those things have a way of staring you in the face at the end of a football game." ALAN ROBINSON (AP)



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Cowher has not won a Super Bowl despite making four AFC title game.

Breaking barriers: Donovan McNabb and Michael Vick will be the first two black quarterbacks to play against each other in a championship | **Today's Post, Sports**

Sports

PLANNING AHEAD: Tickets for the 2006 World Cup go on sale online Feb. 1, with 850,000 of the 3.2 million seats available in the first stage. Each fan will be able to order up to four tickets for seven games each. Applications will be processed by lottery after the first two months of sales.

Knicks Coach in Jeopardy

As losses mount, pressure grows to fire Wilkens

NBA | Lenny Wilkens gathered the New York Knicks together Tuesday and told them they're a better team than they've shown while losing seven of their last eight games.

Whether he sticks around long enough to deliver any more speeches remains to be seen. The Knicks are again slumping, and when slumps happen in New York, changes happen.

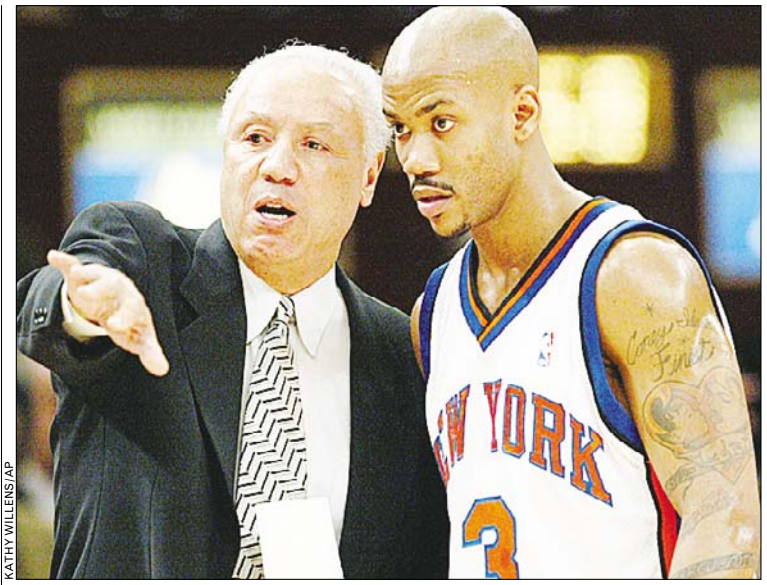
"I'm going to do my job, and whatever happens happens," Wilkens said. "I know who I am, and I have confidence in my abilities and don't worry about other things."

Wilkens' comments were similar to ones he made at the end of the 2002-03 season in his final days as coach of the Raptors. Wilkens will be back in Toronto on Wednesday night when the Knicks play the Raptors, and the speculation over his job security is certain to be ratcheted up if the Knicks lose again.

Knicks president Isiah Thomas was not at the team's practice facility Tuesday and was unavailable for comment.

In his last public remarks nearly a week and a half ago, Thomas called the Knicks a .500 club, or perhaps a little better. That statement, widely interpreted as an effort by Thomas to lower expectations, has been followed by a loss to the New Orleans Hornets and back-to-back defeats against Chicago.

"Lenny's not the one out on the court, we're the ones out on the court," said guard Stephon Marbury. "If you had your full team and things were going bad, then you could put most of the blame on the coach. But for us, we've had three or four starters out, so we're not playing with our full team." CHRIS SHERIDAN (AP)



KATHY WILLENS/AP

Knicks coach Lenny Wilkens and point guard Stephon Marbury discuss strategy. Marbury may not be coached by Wilkens much longer if the Knicks keep losing.

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

COLLEGE HOOPS (9 P.M. ON UPN20) The Maryland Terrapins and Virginia Cavaliers are in desperate need of a win as they square off in an ACC game.

COLLEGE HOOPS (7 P.M. ON COMCAST) N.C. State seems to have rebounded from its slump in time to face Virginia Tech.

COLLEGE HOOPS (8:30 P.M. ON ESPN) Duke tries to stay undefeated in a visit to Miami, off to a fast start in its first year in the ACC.

NBA (10:30 P.M. ON ESPN) The Los Angeles Lakers will be without Kobe Bryant when hosting the Minnesota Timberwolves.

TENNIS (9:30 P.M. ON ESPN2) Serena Williams is in action at the Australian Open.

Injured Hughes Wins Weekly Honor

WIZARDS | Just two days after learning he has a broken wrist, Washington Wizards guard Larry Hughes on Tuesday was named the NBA's Eastern Conference Player of the Week.

In leading the Wizards to a 3-0 record, Hughes averaged 23.7 points, seven rebounds, 6.7 assists and 3.7 steals last week. His lay-up with .7 seconds left on Friday night led to a victory over the Milwaukee Bucks.

In Washington's win over the Phoenix Suns on Saturday, Hughes was injured and will miss four-to-six weeks.

Without him, the Wizards scored a season-low 73 points in a loss to the San Antonio Spurs on Monday.

This is the first time in Hughes' seven-year career that he has been named player of the week. On Dec. 16, teammate Gilbert Arenas was also named player of the week. (EXPRESS)

Late game: The Wizards-Mavs game ended after Express' deadline. Results | **washingtonpost.com/sports**

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Sports

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Andy Roddick's victory in the first round of the Australian kept his hopes alive of getting a chance to unseat top seed Roger Federer later in the major tournament.

No Trouble for Open's Top Seeds

Roddick, Davenport, V. Williams enjoy easy victories in Australia

TENNIS | Andy Roddick and Lleyton Hewitt had little trouble winning in the first round of the Australian Open, starting their bids to stop Roger Federer from winning a third straight Grand Slam title.

Second-ranked Roddick spent a set figuring out how to handle left-handed Georgian Irakli Labadze before sweeping to a 7-5, 6-2, 6-1 win Tuesday. Hewitt got progressively more pumped in a 6-3, 6-4, 6-1 win over Arnaud Clement, his third win against the Frenchman in as many weeks.

Hewitt lost three times to Federer in majors last season, including the final of the U.S. Open. Despite losing his last six matches against Federer, Hewitt's record (7-8) is better against the 23-year-old Swiss start than Roddick's (1-8). Hewitt also leads Roddick 4-1.

STEVE HOLLAND/AP

Venus Williams hit 17 winners in her Australian Open victory on Tuesday.

On the women's side, top-ranked Lindsay Davenport appears to be over a nagging knee problem and a bout of bronchitis that limited her preparation for Melbourne Park.

A potentially tough first-round match against 1994 Wimbledon champion Conchita Martinez turned into a mismatch. Davenport won 6-1, 6-1 in 48 minutes.

Venus Williams, who won the last of her four majors at the U.S. Open in 2001, defeated Eleni Daniilidou Greece 6-1, 7-5. JOHN PYE (AP)

BY THE NUMBERS: Former Cy Young Award winner Eric Gagne avoided another difficult salary arbitration hearing with the Los Angeles Dodgers, agreeing on Tuesday to a $19 million, two-year contract. The All-Star closer will get 8 million this year and $10 million in 2006. Los Angeles has a $12 million option for 2007 with a $1 million buyout. (AP)

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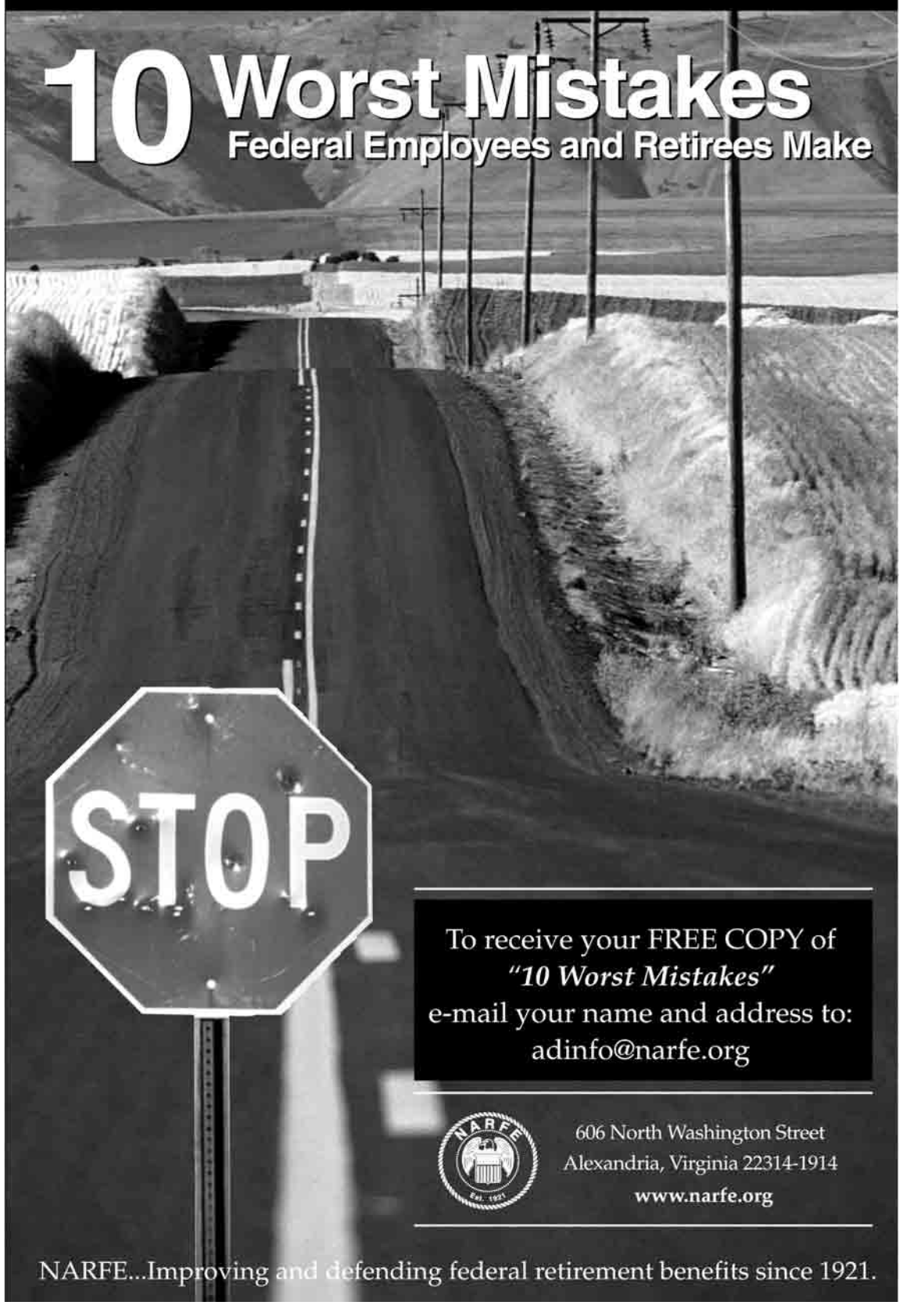

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Cars

NOT SO FAST: In June, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration will sponsor a summit in Washington, where safety experts, activists, law enforcement and government officials will explore ideas for slowing down U.S. drivers.

Blasé Achievement

The 2005 Pontiac G6 is an accomplishment in an unexcitable way

ROAD TEST | The new Pontiac G6 sedan is an unimpressive success. It's engine isn't silky, interior isn't elegant and ride isn't comfortable.

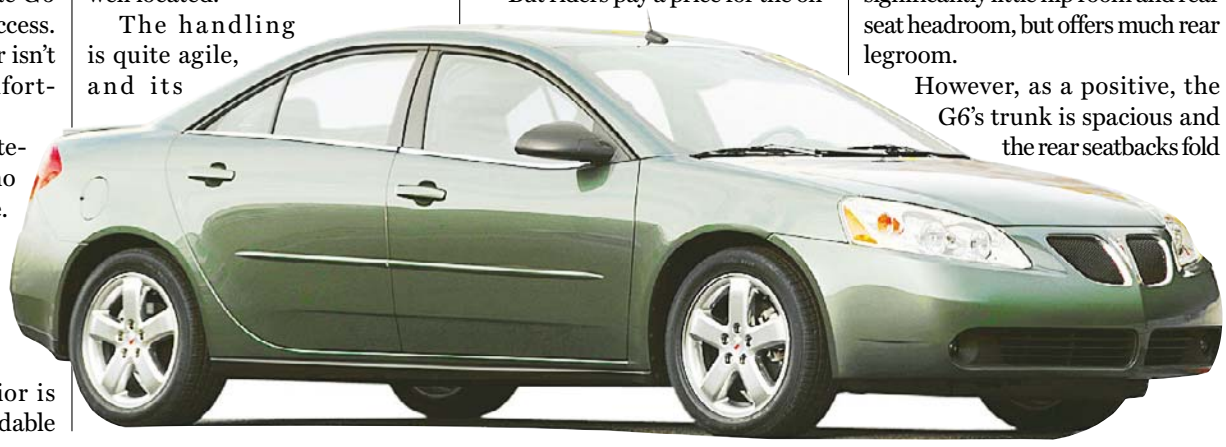
On the upside, the G6's exterior styling is clean, with no cladding and other nonsense. And while it might not be the smoothest or most powerful engine, the G6 delivers sufficient punch around town and in highway driving.

Overall, the G6's interior is laid out well, with clearly readable gauges that include voltage and oil pressure indicators. Controls are self explanatory and, except for the fog lamp button tucked out of sight to the left of the steering wheel, are well located.

The handling is quite agile, and its electronic steering nicely weighted — once you get used to it. The tires stick like glue to the pavement, though their traction is less impressive in snow.

But riders pay a price for the on-road poise in a busy and somewhat crude ride that can get tiresome. Long drives will leave one aching to get out of the partially power-adjustable driver's seat. The G6 has significantly little hip room and rear seat headroom, but offers much rear legroom.

However, as a positive, the G6's trunk is spacious and the rear seatbacks fold down to increase cargo space.



You'd be happy with a G6. It's a solid effort and worth looking at. It's a large improvement over its predecessor, the aged Grand Am, that staple of rental fleets, but that wasn't a very tough act to follow. The G6 certainly looks more stylish.

On the other hand, the G6 is less impressive when stacked against the two bestsellers among mid-size sedans — the Toyota Camry and Honda Accord. The $28,000 price of a heavily optioned G6 is about $5,000 more than you'd pay for that car, even factoring in the $1,000 rebate one can subtract from that. TOM INCANTALUPO (NEWSDAY)

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Hydrogen Bummer

New models at auto show seem to mock environmental values

SHOWS | To know what strange times these are in the automotive world, you need only contemplate the words: hydrogen-powered Hummer. Using hydrogen to power a 3-ton SUV seems a sadly comical misapplication of technology and exemplifies a distressing contempt for seriousness. Why not capture 3.5 billion fireflies and use their incandescence to power a Buick?

And yet, there it sits on the floor of the Los Angeles Convention Center. GM's interest is obvious: The Hummer is synonymous with a kind of ecological infantilism — to drive one is to be seen as throwing a tantrum over inconvenient facts such as America's addiction to foreign oil and global warming. Anything to paint this pig green is a help.

Environmentalists probably found the Los Angeles Auto Show a letdown last weekend. If anything, the show was retrograde. Take the Venturi Fetish, the first production electric sports car. The car sells for $660,000, which, it hardly seems necessary to point out, is stupid. Far from promoting battery-electric vehicles, the Fetish discredits it.

BEATRICE DE GEA/L.A. TIMES

The convertible Mustang was there for L.A.'s high society, not its Sierra Club.

Another deeply frivolous alt-fuel exercise is BMW's H2R, the world's fastest hydrogen-powered car, holder of nine world records. But how far does this get us toward the hydrogen economy? It burns cryogenic hydrogen — spooky stuff, especially when you're pumping the pressurized liquid at minus 253 degrees Kelvin.

It was a good show for imagining the short-term in car ecology. As for the long term: answer unclear, ask again. DAN NEIL (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

HER MAJESTY'S PAYOFF: Bookies are betting on Bond — and on Clive Owen. Apparently, bookmakers halved Owen's odds of playing the suave spy to 4-1 from 8-1, but Hugh Jackman inched up to 2-1 and Ewan McGregor is on the board at 7-2.

Entertainment

Who's Your Daddy?

FOX

BEACH BLANKET BLASPHEMY: Elisabeth Harnois, center, plays the devil's daughter in Fox's silly, sandy new teen series.

The beach is hell this time of year in sinfully rich 'Point Pleasant'

DEBUT | What do you get when you combine "The Omen" with "The O.C."? "Point Pleasant" (9 p.m., Fox).

"Pleasant" kicks off with a meteorological bang. After a sudden, violent storm knocks out local power and drives the teen scene from the beach, dreamy lifeguard Jesse (Sam Page) spies something on the distant waves. Ignoring the cries of his sulking girlfriend, Paula (Cameron Richardson), and fickle friend Terry (Brent Weber), he swims out to rescue the beautiful and mysterious Christina Nickson (Elisabeth Harnois).

Upon resuscitation, Christina opens her eyes with a start and the power goes back on all over New Jersey. Yes, she's a girl with something extra.

Jesse takes her to the home of the local doctor, named Dr. Ben Kramer (Richard Burgi), husband to the brittle, churchgoing Meg (Susan Walters), who's still reeling from the accidental death of her daughter. This fact has turned her other daughter, Judy (Aubrey Dollar), snarly and hip. She may not score with the local boys, but she's more interesting than the average TV teen.

Christina tells the Kramers a series of hard-to-fathom tales about being washed overboard from a cruise ship, a mysterious father and a mother she's determined to find.

Unbeknownst to Christina, she's really the daughter of the devil himself. And in spite of her sweet face and gentle demeanor, Christina brings out the hidden passions in her friends and neighbors.

"Pleasant" is no more preposterous than the best (or worst) Stephen King novel. The show does a credible job of mixing occult hooey with hormonal overdrive, and the makers of "Pleasant" seem to have fun riffing and referencing horror classics. A mere mortal who tries to get between Christina and her "father" comes to a venomous "Omen"-esque demise. Christina's own suppressed desire for Jesse results in a blow-up right out of "The Birds."

And, much like "Twin Peaks," the mystery behind "Pleasant" begins with the discovery of a waterlogged girl. You also have to appreciate the "Simpsons"-like touch of linking Satan and Nixon, even if it is spelled "Nickson." KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

Crime Imitates 'The Wire'

Cops say drug dealers are taking tips from HBO show

NEW TRICKS | David Simon's HBO series "The Wire" — a fictional account of a police investigation of Baltimore drug dealers — allegedly had some real-life dealers taking notes.

While announcing a crackdown on Friday of a cocaine ring, police said their investigation was hampered by the suspects' habit of switching cell phones to evade electronic eavesdropping — a technique they had picked up from TV.

"Believe it or not, these guys copied 'The Wire,'" one of the investigators, Sgt. Felipe Rodriguez, said at a news conference. "They were constantly dumping their phones. It made our job so much harder."

While doing business by cell phone, the suspects often spoke to each other about "The Wire" after it aired on Sunday nights, Rodriguez said. Some of the officers listening to them also were fans.

"If we missed anything [on the show], we got it from them Monday morning," the sergeant said. (AP)

HBO

CAUGHT: Suspects in "The Wire" don't have real criminals' resourcefulness.

Today's Top Stops

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Pictographic Art: Tadas Gutauskas

1 They look like cave paintings: Bright colors, bold, sinuous shapes. The imagery of Lithuanian artist Tadas Gutauskas' works purposely recalls a world before writing. "Sun of the North" opens today at the Target Gallery.

The Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria; through Feb. 20; 703-838-4565.

COURTESY TADAS GUTAUSKAS

A detail of Tadas Gutauskas' primitivistic painting, "Hunting of Salmon."

Do the Millennium Rag: Alex Hassan

2 Alex Hassan is an authority on novelty piano and the styles of the '20s and '30s. As much instructor as performer, he's guaranteed to school you.

Kennedy Center, Millennium Stage, 2700 F St., NW; 6 p.m., free; 202-467-4600. (Foggy Bottom- GWU)

Radical Vision: 'Death of Meyerhold'

3 Mark Jackson's new play, "The Death of Meyerhold," based on the life of legendary Russian theater director Vsevolod Meyerhold, begins tonight at Studio Theatre's Stage 4.

Studio Theatre, 1501 14th St. NW; through Feb. 13, $25; 202-332-3300.

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Entertainment

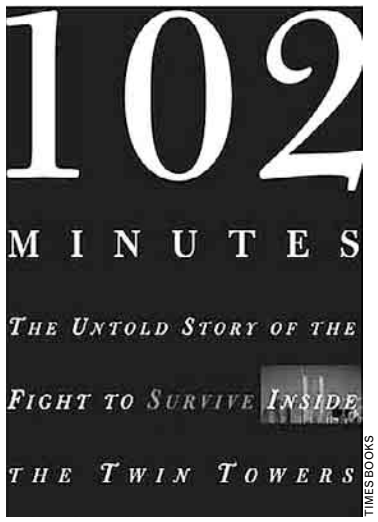
MORE CLAY TO PLAY: Was it only two seasons ago? As the fourth season of "American Idol" kicks off, Clay Aiken said he'll be back in the studio in March to work on his third full-length album, the follow-up to "Measure of a Man" and "Merry Christmas With Love."

Disaster in Detail

BOOKS | A new book about the fall of the Twin Towers recounts in excruciating detail the individual fates of many inside the buildings on Sept. 11, 2001.

In a gripping narrative, the authors assert that at least 1,500 died because of poor escape routes and that as many as 200 firefighters stayed inside because they were never radioed about the imminent danger.

"102 Minutes: The Untold Story of the Fight to Survive Inside the Twin Towers" by Jim Dwyer and Kevin Flynn, staffers at the New York Times, has received excellent reviews and in some cases has evoked emotional reactions from victims' families. Few have complained about the new account, filled with such images as people hacking their way out of stalled elevators and being, perhaps accidentally, pushed out of windows by others jostling for air.



TIMES BOOKS

THE UGLY TRUTH: Dwyer and Flynn's new book recounts a true horror story.

"It's hard to go back there, but the truth has to be recorded," said Mindy Kleinberg, whose husband, Alan, worked for Cantor Fitzgerald. "In order to function, you kind of put that part, thinking about what happened to him in the last minutes, in a box."

Sally Regenhard of the Bronx, who lost her firefighter son Christian and is active with victims' families groups, said she plans to read the book, although "it's a very painful thing for me."

Monica Gabrielle, whose husband, Richard, died in the attack, commended the book for recalling "a lot of people who did heroic things but didn't get to tell their stories."

Leila Negron publicly opposed the 2003 release of transcripts of phone calls and radio transmissions that the authors used in their research. Her husband, Pete, an environmental specialist for the Port Authority, is depicted in "102 Minutes" as helping to save at least 70 people and dying on his way to try to save more. "I don't need the world to know that my husband was a hero. Who's capitalizing on this book?" AILEEN JACOBSON (NEWSDAY)

FOX

THE GREAT WHITE-GUY HOPE: Fox is putting some of its eggs in "Family Guy" creator Seth MacFarlane's basket, betting on his new series, "American Dad."

Out-Foxed By Excess Reality

TV's channel of youth takes a beating from scripted series

RATINGS | The sagging Fox network's chief executive admitted Monday it had leaned too heavily on reality programming this TV season, including the disastrous "Who's Your Daddy?"

Fox has been caught on the wrong side of audience taste in the past few months. Scripted series like ABC's Golden Globe-winning "Desperate Housewives" and "Lost" are hot, while viewers seem to have little patience for new reality series.

Fox's problems were symbolized by the adoption competition "Who's Your Daddy?" Adoption advocates were appalled; the public didn't much care. Five other "Who's Your Daddy?" episodes already filmed will be shelved, Fox entertainment president Gail Berman said.

At its best, Fox is a mix of scripted and unscripted, high-brow and low-brow. "In the case of this fall we drifted to too much on the unscripted side," Berman said. "But I think the audience expects loud things from Fox. Sometimes they work ... and sometimes they don't."

Fox is averaging 5.9 million primetime viewers this season, down from 6.5 million at this point last year. More importantly for the youth-obsessed Fox, it's in fourth place among viewers aged 18-to-49.

Fox loudly proclaimed an all-season strategy last year, promising to debut new series all year round, including summer. The network will tweak the strategy this year, debuting some new shows in May instead of June.

One new series will be the animated "American Dad," which is being given a sneak preview after the Super Bowl. It's from "Family Guy" creator Seth MacFarlane, who is also making new episodes of that cartoon after the canceled series became an unexpected hit on DVD. Both new shows launch May 1.

Fox also announced that "That '70s Show" has been renewed for an eighth season, even though series stars Topher Grace and Ashton Kutcher aren't returning.

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SINGLE NUTS FEMALE: It sounds crazy, but it's "True." Anne Heche is set to star in a pilot for the WB. In "True," Heche plays a new, and newly abandoned, mother who moves back in with her parents to struggle with life, love and other heart-warming things.

Teen TV's Great Unknowns

OUTLETS | When Casey Stratton was a struggling singer-songwriter, he had idealistic notions about artistic integrity. High on his list of what would jeopardize it: licensing his music to television.

That was before the producers of "Tarzan" asked to use the bittersweet ballad "Hollow," from his debut album, on the WB show. While the exposure from the show didn't catapult him to stardom, it helped generate buzz for his album.

Other artists are finding out the same, as more TV shows — especially those heavy on melodramatic teen plotlines — rely on musicians to intensify the emotion of a scene.

The WB drama "Dawson's Creek" was among the early shows to use music this way, from its theme song (Paula Cole's "I Don't Want to Wait") to emotive tunes from Fiona Apple, Sarah McLachlan and others.

Now, it's become standard practice for teen dramas such as "Everwood," "The Gilmore Girls" and others — so much so that many have their own soundtracks.

JIM COOPER/AP

STUDIO TO SCREEN: Casey Stratton no longer looks down on TV's pop music.

John Schwartz, creator, executive producer and a writer for "The O.C.," noted that a mention or appearance on the show can produce great dividends.

"Rooney performed in like our 14th episode last year, and the following week, their sales tripled. And we were like, 'Wow, we had something to do with that.'"

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Television

HE THINKS WE LIKE HIM: Nick Lachey's going it alone — careerwise. "Newlyweds," his reality show with wife Jessica Simpson, has been picked up for another season, and Lachey will be starring in an MTV reality show documenting the making of his second solo album.

Take It Off, USA!

Discovery Channel wants a thinner, healthier country

DEBUT | Here's the skinny: Discovery Health Channel is weighing in with "The National Body Challenge," an eight-week reality series joined by a nationwide initiative to lose weight and get fit.

All registered participants — registration is closed — will receive access to an online diet and other health information; advice from doctors and fitness experts; a free, eight-week trial membership to Bally Total Fitness health clubs; a personal nutrition and fitness journal; and other resources.

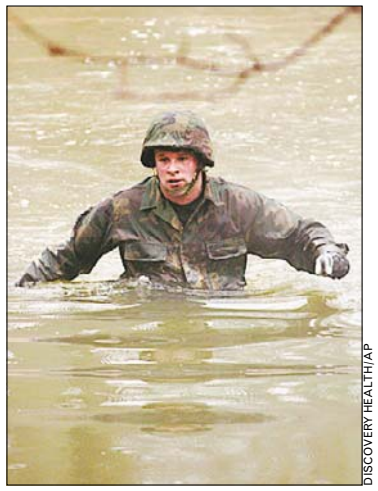
After eight weeks of establishing a healthy routine, participants will weigh in on March 12 and calculate their loss.

Along the way, "The National Body Challenge" series will air Wednesdays at 10 p.m. beginning this week. With former "Saturday Night Live" regular Ellen Cleghorne as host, the series is aimed at keeping participants motivated with six personal stories of weight transformation.

Participants in last year's "Challenge" lost a total of more than 200,000 pounds, according to Discovery Health Channel.

Who's ready to lose this year?

FRAZIER MOORE (AP)



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A TOUGH SLOG: A "Challenge" participant fights the battle of the bulge.

ON TV TONIGHT

WELCOME ABOARD

LAW & ORDER (10 p.m., NBC) There's a new assistant district attorney, and that can mean only one thing: another gorgeous colleague for DA McCoy. Annie Parisse joins the cast.

ANATOMY OF HORROR

Linda Hunt narrates **AUSCHWITZ: INSIDE THE NAZI STATE** (9:30 p.m., PBS). "State" examines the political xand bureaucratic decisions that led to Auschwitz's status as the largest death camp and includes chilling interviews with victims and perpetrators of the "final solution."

IT'S BA-ACK!

AMERICAN IDOL (8 p.m., Fox) Ryan Seacrest hosts.

WHO, SIMON COWELL?

LOST (8 p.m., ABC) A monster returns.

NBC

Parisse makes trials easy on the eyes.

LEGGO MY GOOFUS

ANTIQUES ROADSHOW FYI (8 p.m., PBS) The spin-off series offers tips to treasure hunters.

FIND THE PERP AND HANG HIM

CSI: NY (10 p.m., CBS) A sniper's bullet finds a four-legged victim. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

1.19.05		6:00 PM	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
LOCAL CHANNELS	WRC 4	News CC		NBC Nightly News	Access Hollywood	SI Swimsuit Model Search		The West Wing "365 Days" (N) CC		Law & Order "Fluency" (N) CC		News CC	Tonight Show
	WTTG 5	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Friends CC	Seinfeld CC	American Idol (N) CC		Point Pleasant "Pilot" CC		News		Friends CC	Drew Carey
	WJLA 7	News CC	ABC Wld News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Lost "Special" (N) CC		(:03) Alias "Ice" (N) CC		(:02) Wife Swap "Fontaine/Herman"		News CC	(:35) Nightline
	WUSA 9	News CC	CBS News	USA Tonight	Ent. Tonight	60 Minutes (N) CC		King of Queens	Center-Univ	CSI: NY "Officer Blue" CC		News CC	Late Show
	WDCA 20	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	Girlfriends CC	Girlfriends CC	Stardom-Missy Elliott		College Basketball Virginia at Maryland. (Live)				King of the Hill	King of the Hill
	WMPT 22	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Business Rpt.	Artworks-Week	Antiques Rd.	Find! CC	Auschwitz: Inside the Nazi State (N) (Part 1 of 3) CC (DVS)				Journey of the Butterfly: The Legacy	
	WETA 26	BBC World News	Business Rpt.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Antiques Rd.	Legendary Lighthouses CC		Auschwitz: Inside the Nazi State (N) (Part 1 of 3) CC (DVS)				Charlie Rose (N)
	WHUT 32	At Howard		BBC World News	MoneyWise CC	American Family: Journey of Dreams		Soundstage CC		BBC World News	Tavis Smiley	Charlie Rose (N) CC	
	WBDC 50	The Parkers	Steve Harvey	The Parkers	Steve Harvey	Smallville "Obsession" CC		Big Man on Campus CC		Will & Grace	Just Shoot Me	Will & Grace	Blind Date (N)
BASIC CABLE	A&E	City Confidential "Tyler: Fallen Rose"		American Justice: George Trepal		American Justice		The Mystery of I-45 CC		Biography: Charles Manson		Crossing Jordan "He Said, She Said"	
	Animal	The Crocodile Hunter Diaries CC		The Most Extreme Appendages.		Barking Mad Cat hates dogs. (N)		Who Gets the Dog? "Stella" (N)		Animal Precinct "Poodle Problem"		Barking Mad Cat hates dogs.	
	BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live			Music Special	The Parkers	Girlfriends CC	Coming to the Stage		Club Comic View		BET Nightly News	Music Special
	Bravo	(5:00) ★★ "Brokedown Palace"		The West Wing CC		Project Runway CC		Project Runway (N) CC		Queer Eye for the Straight Girl (N)		Project Runway CC	
	Comedy	Crank Yankers	Distraction CC	Daily Show	Mad TV CC		Reno 911! CC	Crank Yankers (N)	South Park CC	South Park CC	Distraction CC	Daily Show	Daily Show
	Court	NYPD Blue "Nariz a Nariz" CC		Cops CC	Cops CC	The Investigators		Forensic Files (N)	Psychic Detect	Dunne: Power, Privilege & Justice		Safety Challenge: Winter	
	Discovery	Monster Garage "Hot Dog Car"		American Chopper CC		Harley-Davidson: Birth of the V-Rod		MythBusters CC		Zambezi Shark CC		Harley-Davidson: Birth of the V-Rod	
	DISCH	Chicago Hope "Humpty Dumpty"		Trauma: Life in the ER "The Frontier"		Stories From the O.R.		Plastic Surgery: Before and After		National Body Challenge 2 (N)		Stories From the O.R.	
	Disney	Even Stevens	Lizzie McGuire	Sister, Sister	That's So Raven	"Now You See It..." (2005, Adventure) Alyson Michalka, Johnny Pacar. CC				Lizzie McGuire	Sister, Sister	Even Stevens	Boy Meets World
	E!	For Love or Money CC		E! News (N)	Life Is Great	50 Hottest Vegas Moments Memorable people and events.				Fashion Police: 2005 Golden Globes		Howard Stern	Howard Stern
	FX	Fear Factor CC		King of the Hill	King of the Hill	★★ "Shallow Hal" (2001, Comedy) Gwyneth Paltrow. A lumpen Lothario now only sees a fat woman's inner beauty.						Fear Factor CC	
	HGTV	Wknd Warriors	Landscapers	Curb Appeal	House Hunters	Renovation	Wknd Warriors	Home 2005	Landscapers	Curb Appeal	Curb Appeal	Design on a Dime	Painted House
	Family	7th Heaven "Seven Is Enough" CC		Smallville "Crisis" CC		★★ "The Face on the Milk Carton" (1995) Kellie Martin, Jill Clayburgh.				Whose Line?	Whose Line?	The 700 Club CC	
	History	Save Our History CC		Modern Marvels "Hoover Dam" CC		The Presidents "1849-1865" (N)		The Presidents "1865-1885" (N)		Full Throttle Cadillacs from the 1960s.		Vanishings! CC	Vanishings! CC
	Lifetime	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	"When Andrew Came Home" (2000, Drama) Park Overall, Jason Beghe. CC				★★ "Too Close to Home" (1997, Drama) Judith Light, Rick Schroder. CC				The Nanny CC	The Golden Girls
	MTV	Super Sweet	The Real World	The Real World	The Real World	The Osbournes	The Osbournes	Ashlee-Show	Ashlee-Show	Birthday-Jess	Nick & Jessica	Super Sweet	The Real World
	NICK	Hey Arnold! CC	Rugrats CC	Jimmy Neutron	Fairly Oddparents	SpongeBob	Unfabulous CC	Full House CC	Full House CC	Fresh Prince	The Cosby Show	Roseanne CC	Roseanne CC
	SCIFI	Stargate SG-1 Osiris goes to war.		★★ "Atomic Train" (1999, Action) Rob Lowe, Esai Morales, Kristin Davis. A train carrying a nuclear weapon careens toward Denver.								★★ "Trucks" (1997) Brenda Bakke	
	SPIKE	World's Wildest Police Videos CC		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation CC		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation CC		The Club (N)		★★★ "Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country" (1991) William Shatner.			
	TBS	Seinfeld CC	Seinfeld CC	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Seinfeld CC	Seinfeld CC	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	(:10) ★★ "You've Got Mail" (1998)	
	TLC	Clean Sweep CC		In a Fix "Timeless Decor" CC		In a Fix "Now and Zen" CC		In a Fix "The Water Feature" (N)		While You Were Out (N)		In a Fix "Now and Zen" CC	
	TNT	Charmed "Bite Me" CC		Law & Order "Shrunk" CC (DVS)		Law & Order "Open Season"		★★★ "The Mask of Zorro" (1998, Adventure) Antonio Banderas, Anthony Hopkins. CC					Mask of Zorro
	USA	JAG "Lifeline" CC		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	
	VHI	I Love the '90s: Part Deux "1991"		I Love the '90s: Part Deux "1992"		I Love the '90s: Part Deux "1993"		I Love the '90s: Part Deux "1994" (N)		I Love the '90s: Part Deux "1995" (N)		Remaking "Vince Neil"	
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SPORTS	ESPN	SportsCenter (Live) CC			Tilt CC		College Basketball Duke at Miami. (Live) CC				NBA Basketball: Timberwolves at Lakers		
	ESPN2	Billiards	NFL Live CC	College Basketball Charlotte at Cincinnati. (Live) CC				Cincinnati	Tennis Australian Open -- Early Round -- Day 4. From Melbourne, Australia. (Live) CC				
	CSN	The Sports List	SportsNite CC	College Basketball North Carolina State at Virginia Tech. (Live)				Poker Superstars Invitational		SportsNite (Live) CC		Pro Ftbl Plus	Best-Sports
NEWS	CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight CC		Defending America Anchors Paula Zahn and Anderson Cooper. (Live)				Larry King Live CC		NewsNight With Aaron Brown CC		Lou Dobbs Tonight	
	FNC	Special Report (Live) CC		The Fox Report With Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor (Live) CC		Hannity & Colmes (Live) CC		On the Record-Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor	
	MSNBC	The Abrams Report		Hardball CC		Countdown With Keith Olbermann		Picking Our Presidents		Scarborough Country		Hardball CC	
MOVIES	AMC	★★★ "An American Werewolf in London" (1981) David Naughton. 'R'				★★★ "Carrie" (1976, Horror) Sissy Spacek, John Travolta. Premiere. 'R'				(:15) ★★ "The Exorcist III" (1990, Horror) George C. Scott, Jason Miller. 'R'			
	TCM	★★ "Courage of Lassie" (1946, Adventure) Elizabeth Taylor. 'G' CC (DVS)				★★★ "Crossfire" (1947) Robert Young. 'NR' CC			★★★★ "The Lost Weekend" (1945, Drama) Ray Milland. 'NR' CC				Smash-Up Stry
	HBO	(5:30) ★★ "50 First Dates" (2004)		(:15) ★★ "I Spy" (2002, Comedy) Eddie Murphy. 'PG-13' CC				Carnivale "Alamogordo, NM" CC		Inside the NFL (N) CC		Unscripted CC	
	MAX	(5:30) ★★ "The Devil's Advocate" (1997, Horror) Keanu Reeves. 'R' CC				★★ "American Wedding" (2003) Jason Biggs. 'NR' CC			MAX on Set	★★ "Spartan" (2004, Suspense) Val Kilmer, Derek Luke. 'R' CC			
	SHOW	(5:30) ★★ "Terminal Velocity" (1994)		(:15) ★ "Boat Trip" (2003, Comedy) Cuba Gooding Jr. iTV. 'R' CC				HUFF "The Sample Closet" (iTV)		★★ "The Best Thief in the World" (2004) 'R' CC			(:35) Wild West
	TMC	(5:45) ★★ "The Four Feathers" (2002) Heath Ledger. 'PG-13' CC				★★ "The Hunted" (2003) Tommy Lee Jones. 'R' CC			(:35) "The Job" (2003) Daryl Hannah. 'R' CC			(:05) ★★ "Love the Hard Way" 'R'	
	STARZ!	(5:40) ★★ "Maid in Manhattan" (2002) Jennifer Lopez.			★★ "2 Brothers & a Bride" (2003) Tim Blake Nelson.			★★★ "Kill Bill: Vol. 1" (2003, Action) Uma Thurman, Lucy Liu. 'R' CC				★★★ "Cold Mountain" (2003) 'R'	
	ENCORE	(4:35) Houseguest	★★ "Carpool" (1996, Comedy) Tom Arnold. 'PG' CC			★★★ "White Men Can't Jump" (1992) Woody Harrelson. Premiere. 'R'				★★ "BASEketball" (1998) Trey Parker. 'R' CC			Tears of the Sun

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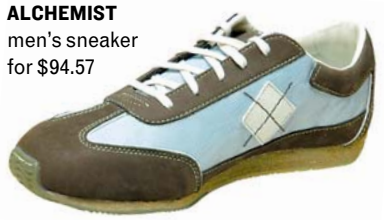
FRYE CAMPUS women's boots for $227.27



MEDIUM ALCHEMIST men's sneaker for $94.57

● **Style:** Carbon combines quality designers with uniqueness of style — you won't find these shoes in a soulless department store. The best-known brands are the alt-country Frye (as Kevin called one pair, "the Wilco of boots") and the Prada-esque-but-cheaper Donald J. Pliner. Smaller labels include Tsubo — urban-hipster sneakers that you look cool in, not run a marathon in — and the Brazilian Morenatom, which embodies a boho, shabby chic look.

The stock is so tied to Kevin's admittedly good taste that if you aren't on his wavelength, you might feel left out. (The uber-crunchy won't find anything to wear around the commune, for instance.) The only major quibble: I want more! More styles, more variety, plus some handbags and belts. Then again, I always want handbags and belts.

● **Service:** Kevin seems to be able to read his customers, choosing shoes that match outfits and personalities alike. Don't worry about feeling pressured, though. It's uncanny.

● **Prices:** Sneakers go for under $100, other shoes are mostly in the low-$100 range, and boots cost more than $200.

● **Mystery Male's Take:** M.M. bonded with Kevin over music and life in D.C., and appreciated Kevin's sage advice on what clothes to wear with different shoes. Kevin was honest when M.M. stuffed his jeans legs into a pair of tall boots. "You don't ever, ever, ever want to do something like that," said Kevin.

● **Bureaucracy:** As long as they're still in new condition, you have seven days to return them for store credit.

● **Bonus Points:** Besides shoes, there's an assortment of trendy furniture, artwork and candles.

● **Final Analysis:** Carbon isn't a copy of anything. Good designers, good style and good service have made me a regular.

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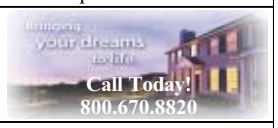

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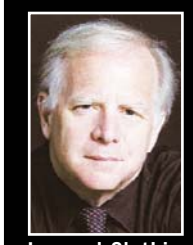

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New Nutrition

Food

As dietary standards are reshaped, there's more new to chew

Like many Americans, the food industry has been talking a lot about healthy eating, improved nutrition and making better choices. Trans fats are out, whole grains are in and so are balanced lifestyles.

Whether or not it lasts longer than a New Year's resolution, that commitment to healthier foods should soon be more evident in the marketplace. Faced with obesity and changing dietary guidelines, food makers and fast-food companies are responding with products and initiatives that will surface on store shelves and menus, and in vending machines and TV ads.

Bob Goldin, an analyst at Chicago-based food consultancy Technomic Inc., senses "a real ground shift" starting to take place. "We are seeing some change," he said. "We're going to see some more product reformulation, changes in marketing practices and the introduction of foods that are healthier."

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> BOB GLODIN
> FOOD CONSULTANCY ANALYST

Federal officials recently issued new dietary guidelines, advising Americans to eat more whole grains, fruits and vegetables and stick to fat-free or lowfat milk. Food manufacturers now are likely to come out with more whole-grain cereals and breads, more low-fat dairy products and changes in the ways french fries and chips are prepared, said Dr. Xavier Pi-Sunyer, a member of the dietary guidelines advisory committee.

Kraft said it would curb advertising of Oreo cookies, regular Kool-Aid and other snacks to children, to help encourage better eating. The vending machine trade association launched an anti-obesity campaign featuring a color-coded rating system with green ("Best choice"), yellow ("Choose occasionally") and red ("Choose rarely") stickers, based on nutrition content. A symbol system is used by Pepsi for the "Smart Spots," designating some of its Baked Lay's, Tropicana and other products as healthier. The company also has reduced sugar in Quaker cereals.

General Mills will convert all breakfast cereals to whole grain. Also, Gorton removed trans fats from frozen seafood products, and Dannon Co. unveiled a "heart-healthy" nonfat yogurt, Dannon's Light 'n' Fit with Fiber.

What's next — low-fat pizza? Actually, that's on the menu at Pizza Hut. The chain recently introduced the Fit 'N Delicious pizza, containing 25 percent less fat.

The healthier eating trend has reshaped hamburger chains' menus. Salads are big sellers for McDonald's, which offers Happy Meals with fruit along with low-fat milk and bottled water. DAVE CARPENTER (AP)

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Baggage Check

DR. ANDREA BONIOR

Sounds Familiar

I've been having serious déjà vu this past week. Large portions of conversations seem bizarrely familiar. I was talking to this one shoe salesman and I just wanted to run away. This is not normal for me, and I can't think of anything I'm doing differently this week. Can this happen periodically or something? —REPEATING IN ARLINGTON

Didn't you write me this question before?

Two-thirds of us experience déjà vu at one time or another. Various cognitive explanations have been offered, including that, occasionally, your senses might perceive something well before it actually registers in your conscious mind. This can make you feel you "knew" it before. It's a common memory distortion that doesn't usually indicate a problem, but it also can be linked to stress and lack of sleep. Try getting some extra R&R, and see if it goes away. Might you also be buying too many shoes?

My wife and I are having problems for which we're in counseling, but I'm afraid to tell her I don't think I want to fix them anymore. I'm just so tired I want to call it quits. I know it would absolutely devastate her (she said so flat out), and I'm scared of all the changes divorce would bring. I'm not sure we can ever get back to that loving feeling we had. I'm not sure what to do. —CONFUSED IN FAIRFAX COUNTY

It was a great step to get into counseling for the problems you've been facing. So what makes you think that this latest, largest problem — your feeling unmotivated to make this marriage work — is not worth bringing up in that same forum?

Marriage counselors aren't just marriage fixers. Sadly, it's sometimes their job to help a couple call it quits. You're unsure of what to do and scared of change. She's terrified of getting hurt. A counseling session is the ideal place to talk these feelings through — far better than, say, the left-hand lane of the Beltway.

Call your counselor and tell him or her you're planning to disclose this in your next session. Then do it.

Whatever happens, you owe it to both of you to proceed openly and honestly.

Send questions to Dr. Andrea Bonior at **baggage@readexpress.com** or mail them to her at Baggage Check, P.O. Box 17370, Arlington, VA 22216.

The Duplex | *Glenn McCoy*

Pearls Before Swine | *Stephan Pastis*

Letters

Not Such a Long Shot

WHILE I ENJOYED the article about the George Washington University men's basketball team in this weekend's Express, I take issue with the statement that St. Joseph's came "out of the oblivion of the Atlantic 10." Not many "oblivion" conferences have two teams that reach the Elite 8, as St. Joe's and Xavier did, or four NBA draft picks in the last year. The A-10 is also home to well-known schools like Temple and UMass, as well as the alma maters of current NBA players Lamar Odom, Marcus Camby, Eddie Jones, Cuttino Mobley, David West, James Posey and many others. I'm sure a lot of conferences would like that kind of oblivion.

—ANDREW WISEMAN
Washington, D.C.

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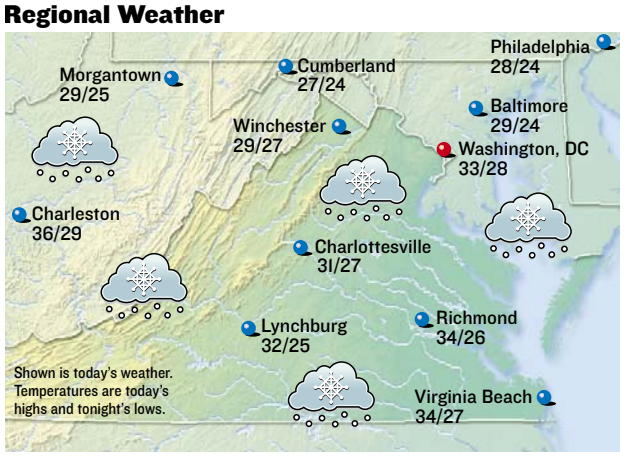
5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Snow, flurries this afternoon	Snow, flurries ending	Snow, flurries returning	Partly sunny, very cold	Very cold, snow, ice	Cloudy, cold, snow possible
33°	28°	40° / 20°	29° / 15°	25° / 20°	28° / 20°

Regional Weather



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Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Tues.

Temperature

High	24°
Low	14°
Normal high	42°
Normal low	27°
Average humidity	36%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	2.53"
Normal month to date	1.91"
Year to date	2.53"
Last year to date	0.90"
Normal year to date	1.91"

For up-to-the-minute weather, see: **washingtonpost.com/weather**

Regional Forecast

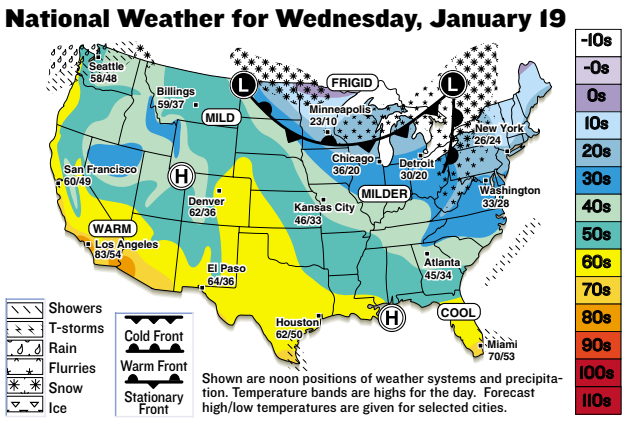
D.C. Metro: Today, mostly cloudy, cold, light snow, flurries in the afternoon. High 33. Wind southwest 10-20 mph. Tonight, snow ending. Low 28.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	7:24 a.m.
Sunset tonight	5:15 p.m.
Moonrise today	12:34 p.m.
Moonset today	2:41 a.m.

Full	Last	New	First
Jan 25	Feb 2	Feb 8	Feb 15

National Weather for Wednesday, January 19



National Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thur. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	45/34/s	54/38/pc
Boston	26/22/sn	34/8/pc
Chicago	36/20/pc	28/14/sn
Dallas	62/44/pc	70/46/s
Denver	62/36/pc	64/31/s
Honolulu	80/71/s	82/71/pc
Los Angeles	83/54/s	80/53/s
Miami	70/53/sh	70/53/s
New York City	26/24/sn	36/14/sf
Orlando	64/44/s	68/46/s
Seattle	58/48/sh	54/44/r

World Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thur. Hi/Lo/W
Amsterdam	40/39/sh	47/37/r
Athens	53/40/pc	52/40/r
Berlin	34/26/sf	39/30/i
Buenos Aires	90/61/t	79/61/s
Calgary	51/38/r	45/29/r
Dublin	52/46/r	52/37/r
Geneva	33/30/sn	41/38/i
Moscow	27/19/pc	23/18/sf
Rome	45/35/r	50/42/pc
Sydney	81/64/pc	84/64/pc
Tokyo	48/35/sh	45/31/s

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

LOOK out

People

SPOOKY

Scully Weds in Clandestine Ceremony — Or Does She?

Former "X-Files" star **GILLIAN ANDERSON** has married longtime boyfriend Julian Ozanne. The couple exchanged vows on Dec. 29 at a friend's beach house on Lamu's Shella Island, off the Kenya coast,

People magazine reports. "I can confirm it took place," People quotes Jonathan Clayton, a veteran London Times African correspondent and friend of Ozanne's, as saying. "It was a spectacular occasion. They were both delighted, but I would rather not go into details." Ozanne, a documentary filmmaker, was previously a reporter for the London Financial Times in Africa. (EXPRESS)

ORGANS

Cojocaru Gives High Marks To Successful Transplant

Red-carpet fashion maven **STEVEN COJOCARU** has undergone a successful kidney transplant. Cojocaru, who has polycystic kidney disease, said in a

statement, "The gift that has been given to me says much about our capacity for great compassion and generosity, and I hope it sends an inspiring message to others about the importance of organ donation." He plans to return to work after a "short recovery period" at home. (AP)

DAMIAN DOVARGANES/AP

ADVICE

Big Challenge, But No Immunity

When you win a whole lot of money in front of a whole lot of people, be sure to declare it to the IRS. **RICHARD HATCH**, the first and most notorious "Survivor" winner, did no such thing, and now he's agreed to plead guilty to two counts of tax evasion for failing to report income, including the cool mil he won on the show. The penalty could be up to five years in federal prison and a $250,000 fine for each charge. As part of the plea agreement, the U.S. Attorney's office said it would recommend a lesser sentence. (EXPRESS)

HACKERS

Paris Hilton Gets the Respect for Her Privacy She's Been Asking For

Even when **PARIS HILTON** doesn't pursue scandal, it clings to her like eau de nightclub. Apparently, a hacker got into the celeb-heiress' Blackberry and took a gander at her private e-mails, MSNBC reported. A "source" close to the party girl claimed Hilton was upset at the intrusion, which is only human. Who among us hasn't felt violated after not one but two of their sex tapes are leaked and then someone hacks their e-mails? (EXPRESS)

REUTERS

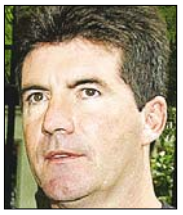
Paris reacts to the hacking with the only emotion she truly knows: ennui.

JUDGMENTS

Simon Cowell Defends Small Rear Ends, Mimes

One of music's harshest critics doesn't think **BEYONCE** is so bootylicious. **SIMON COWELL**, the "American Idol" judge, told Esquire magazine, "I find the whole Beyonce thing really mystifying. She's not sexy, she hasn't got a great body and she's not a great singer." But Cowell defended a more maligned figure — Ashlee Simpson, who caught flak after being caught lip-synching on "Saturday Night Live," saying, "There's almost a witch-hunt mentality about people miming." (AP)

Beyonce



Simon

Jolie's shoulders aren't what's at issue.

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BODY PARTS

Isn't That Always How These Things Start?

ANGELINA JOLIE has a funny way of defending herself against claims that she was the homewrecker who smashed up the only celebrity union regular folks had hope for. Answering accusations that she'd caught Brad Pitt's eye over the objection of Jennifer Aniston, Jolie told the London Express, "All I've ever been to Brad is a shoulder to cry on." (EXPRESS)

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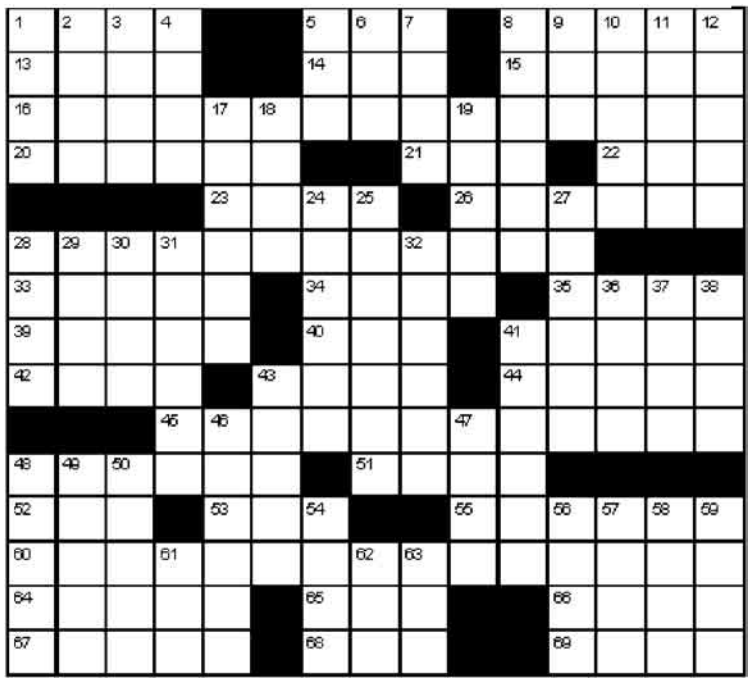
Here Boy! | *Edited by Timothy E. Parker*



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21 180 degrees from SSW
22 151, on a monument
23 Eye shade?
26 Rouse from sleep
28 Hunting dogs
33 Titan, formerly
34 Diarist Frank
35 Fresh-water duck
39 Kind of vote
40 Each
41 Wyeth's model
42 Gp. listening for signals from space
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44 Citified
45 Lost skier's friend?
48 The Earps, e.g.
51 Lunar or leap, e.g.
52 Unforgettable time
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55 Leporid mammal
60 Some police dogs
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65 Tofu base
66 Kind of monster
67 French cup
68 Have a tab
69 Crystal consulter

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5 Pallid
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10 Smart follower
11 Strong cotton thread
12 Rose red dye
17 Stalky veggie
18 Trapped like ___
19 Vacuous
24 Fashioned, in combinations
25 It's the best policy
27 Rearward
28 Conks on the head
29 Yorkshire river
30 Vending machine opening
31 Gender discrimination
32 Strip
36 Island of a noted exile
37 Culture medium
38 Cry from the crow's-nest
41 Triumphal shout
43 Attach a tail to a donkey
46 Make bubbly
47 Lawman Wyatt
48 The real McCoy
49 Sports venue
50 Commodities
54 Exxon, once
56 Supplicates
57 Camembert cousin
58 Twiddling one's thumbs
59 Ruler in Rimsky-Korsakov operas
61 Robinson of song
62 Questioning word
63 Word with black, red or pink

Yesterday's Solution

Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You're likely to lock horns with someone who is asserting his or her own independence as aggressively as you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You can be unusually optimistic, despite any difficulties you encounter. A friend or co-worker is indispensable to you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Concentrate on achieving a balance between the physical and the emotional. Later, you can add an intellectual element.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You'll surely learn no plan is foolproof. Remember, you can always start over again if you're not as confident as you would like to be.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You may find yourself being dominated, unexpectedly, by someone who usually assumes a more reserved, passive posture.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Trust your impulses to lead you in the right direction. You can depend a little on luck and timing, too, to make decisions a little easier.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You may be restless, eager to be out and about, unsettled about the immediate future, and certain that there are questions you have to answer — soon.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) An unexpected attraction between you and someone you've known for some time may develop quickly throughout the day. Evening brings choices you can't ignore.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) As aggressive as you may be, you're sure to meet your match in another born under your sign — or in a Capricorn or Aquarius native.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) This is a good day to indulge in a flight of fancy — but you'll want to take a special friend along. Both work and play yield fine rewards.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Long-term plans may have to be set aside temporarily, as an unexpected issue arises. Problems can be quickly solved.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You'll be in an awkward emotional situation early in the day, but you have what it takes to solve resulting difficulties. Act fast.

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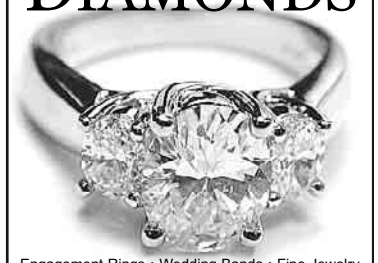

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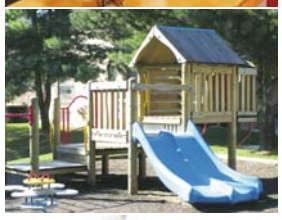

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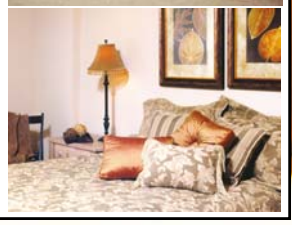

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